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## ADVOCATE OF PEACE AND ARBITRATION.

BOSTON, MARCH AND APRIL, 1890.

—We publish on our first page the admirable Arbitration address of the present Governor of Massachusetts. The sentiments honor the man and the State. In what great reform has Massachusetts failed to have a voice? Surely the abolition of war will not be an exception.

—The Socialist party which has just achieved such power in Germany, while it is composed in part of Anarchists and other destructives, is on the whole the great liberal party of Germany, the triumph of which means the downfall of Bismarckism and supreme militarism. The Emperor must respect it or,—well—see Dom Pedro.

—To English-speaking Americans it will add to the attractiveness and interest of the coming Peace Congress in London, that its proceedings will go forward under rules, and its debates be chiefly held in a language with which they are familiar. We can conceive of nothing better calculated to promote universal peace than a universal language, except it be universal love.

—The long pending dispute between England and France in regard to the boundaries of their respective dependencies in West Africa, has been settled by the labors of a Joint Commission of Delimitation, whose recommendations have just been ratified by the two Governments.

—An international prison congress is shortly to assemble at St. Petersburg, and among the governments invited to send delegates is our own. But the Russian Minister, it is said, has softly intimated to the State Department that Mr. Geo. Kennan, whose articles on Siberia have excited such profound interest throughout the world, is not wanted. There is, however, no other man in the country who is half so well qualified to be a delegate to this congress as Mr. Kennan.

—A meeting of influential men in Liverpool has memorialized the Brussels Anti-Slave-Trade Congress against the introduction of fire-arms and rum into Africa. They say with truth that the unrestricted supply of fire-arms to the natives is one of the most direct means, and incentives to the slave-trade raids and internecine wars by which the country is becoming desolated and depopulated.

—It is not an agreeable fact for our good people to contemplate, that Englishmen are fast becoming the brewers and distillers of America. Indeed, if that class of property have the mark of immorality and illegality put upon it by legislation, and finally be prohibited, it will not be because we hate foreigners, but because we hate spirituous liquors, and the entire business of manufacturing and selling them. English investors ought to understand how precarious is the property they are buying.

—Mr. Andrew Carnegie some time ago gave the city of Alleghany a library with a liberal endowment. It was dedicated and opened with imposing ceremonies by President Harrison and other distinguished men. It is announced also that he has nearly perfected plans for a similar donation to the city of Pittsburg, only on a more extended scale. The gift will embrace three branch libraries, and the central and branch buildings will furnish, in addition to the library proper, many of the facilities afforded by the Cooper Institute of New York. The amount of the gift is estimated at \$1,000,000.

—Ex-President Grover Cleveland is said to have united with a Presbyterian Church in New York. His father was an honored minister of that denomination. There has been an elevated moral tone noticeable in the official papers and public utterances of Mr. Cleveland, that has reminded many of a home and a church lying back of the bachelor life at Buffalo and the political life at Albany and Washington. "Blood will tell." Yes, and early training will tell. May we not believe that the earlier and better, yes, the supernatural and praying life of this able and influential man has reasserted itself with the power of Christian conviction and Christian love.

—The *Cynosure* declares that Chauncey M. Depew favored the opening of the Columbian World's Fair on Sundays. We hope the Chicago Committee will take the other and better course.

—No monument marks the humble grave of Moses Brown of Providence, R. I.; but his life-work is his monument, and it rests upon four foundations: Manufacturing Industry, Patriotism, Education and Philanthropy.—*Augustine Jones*.

—All of this boastful talk about building up a navy is directly opposed to any system of commerce and peace as proposed to and by the International Conference of American nations. "What do you want a navy for? To contend with us?" asks England, the greatest naval power. "No," say some of the patriotic devotees to the coal and iron, timber, labor and contractor interests, supposed to be benefited by building war ships. "No, not England, but any third-rate power might raid our cities." If that means anything it means suspicion and fear of Mexico, Chili, Peru and all American States and a purpose to fight them, "if necessary." But navies and forts create the necessity. Immense preparations for war mean willingness to fight. They say, "we have no faith in peaceful professions or methods."

The January-February number of *The American Advocate of Peace and Arbitration* is a good literary issue, having choice selections. Its communications and its advocacy of peace in original and selected matter give it much value, and the diary of Secretary of the American Peace Society (Rev. R. B. Howard), including a part of his story in England last summer and the events since up to Jan. 20, will be found of interest. Secretary Howard is making a good paper. It is published by the American Peace Society, 1 Somerset Street, Boston.—*The Morning Star*.

### PEACE DECORATIONS.

We congratulate our English co-laborer, W. R. Cremer, M. P., on the decoration of the legion of honor conferred by the French Government in recognition of his services at the Paris Peace Congress. At the same time, we would not enjoy seeing his plain, sensible dress bespangled and bespotted with insignia of distinction. "Beauty unadorned is adorned the most." "The ornament of a meek and quiet spirit" is very lovely. It seems that our friend Alfred H. Love, whose Quaker origin and training make him love plainness, has also received the same decoration. France thus recognizes America.